

# **KDND-FM HD2 QUARTERLY REPORTS & ISSUES**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011**

# **PUBLIC FILE, PART 1**

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Saturdays, 6:00A-6:30A**

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*Host: Kat Maudru*

Locally produced news and public affairs magazine show featuring in-depth interviews, investigative reports, documentaries and feature stories on news events and issues of significance to the Sacramento area.

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## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION**

Issue: **Fundraising for Local Schools**  
Program: Public File  
Date: April 10, 2011

Description: The organizers of the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Elk Grove Western Festival are inviting local school organizations to fundraise at the festival, free of charge. The two-day festival kicks off on April 30<sup>th</sup>. "We hope that your participation in the Western Festival will help your schools raise extra funds to help in these economic times," festival organizer Joyce Carter said in a press statement. Academic department and other school organizations such as bands, choirs, and sports teams can set up a fundraising booth in a 10-by-10 foot spot at the festival. Organizers for the upcoming 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Elk Grove Western Festival need more volunteers to help the parade run smoothly. Past Western Festival parades have featured 100 participants and volunteers are always needed to make sure the parade is properly staged and ready to go. Volunteers help out with parade registration, staging, and judging. They are also desired to help distribute coffee and donuts to volunteers and judges in the early morning, and to later hand out trophies for parade winners.

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Issue: **Supporting Local Art**  
Program: Public File  
Date: May 15, 2011

Description: The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC), established in 1977, is a public agency devoted to supporting, promoting and advancing the arts in the region. Funded by the City and County, they provide funding to local artists and arts groups; they promote the arts through marketing, outreach and education initiatives; they provide resources to support and increase regional arts education activities; and they serve as a community partner and resource. Their Arts Education program provides access to and engagement in, arts learning experiences for residents of all ages in the greater Sacramento region. The program does this by providing resources and collaborative partnership opportunities for arts organizations, social service and community organizations, schools, teaching artists, and educators to develop educational programming. The City of Sacramento's nationally renowned Art in Public Places (APP) program was established in 1977 to expand public experiences of visual art by installing artworks in public spaces. It includes a collection of more than 400 permanently sited works of art integrated into Sacramento's built and natural environments. More than 80% of these artworks are by local and regional artists.

**CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Issue: **Charter Schools**  
Program: Public File  
Date: June 12, 2011

Description: Charter schools in the United States are primary or secondary schools that receive public money (and like other schools, may also receive private donations) but are not subject to some of the rules, regulations, and statutes that apply to other public schools in exchange for some type of accountability for producing certain results, which are set forth in each school's charter. Charter schools are opened and attended by choice. While charter schools provide an alternative to other public schools, they are part of the public education system and are not allowed to charge tuition. Some charter schools provide a curriculum that specializes in a certain field – e.g., arts and mathematics. Others attempt to provide a better and more efficient general education than nearby public schools. Some charter schools are founded by teachers, parents, or activists who feel restricted by traditional public schools. State-authorized charters (schools not chartered by local school districts) are often established by non-profit groups, universities, and some government entities. Additionally, school districts sometimes permit corporations to manage chains of charter schools. The schools themselves are still non-profit, in the same way that public schools may be managed by a for-profit corporation.

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## **CATEGORY: HEALTH**

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Issue: **Multiple Sclerosis**  
Program: Public File  
Date: April 24, 2011

Description: Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic often disabling disease of the central nervous system. In young adults, it is one of the most common central nervous system diseases. Symptoms may be mild (e.g., numbness in the limbs) or severe (e.g., paralysis or loss of vision). Multiple Sclerosis affects women 50% more than men. Most people with Multiple Sclerosis are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40. Multiple Sclerosis is rarely found in people younger than 12 or older than 55. There are approximately one-third of a million Americans with Multiple Sclerosis, and every week some 200 people are diagnosed with the disease. That is more than one person an hour. Across the world, about 2.5 million people have the disease. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

Issue: **Feeding the World's Hungry**  
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Date: May 1, 2011

Description: Freedom from Hunger brings innovative and sustainable self-help solutions to the fight against chronic hunger and poverty. Together with local partner, they equip families with resources they need to build futures of health, hope and dignity. They believe that a world without hunger can be achieved through the principles and practices of self-help, collaboration, innovation, sustainability and respect for the contributions of our in-country partners and the families we serve. Because young children are most vulnerable to the ravages of malnutrition, Freedom from Hunger designs its self-help services for women – the primary caretakers of young children. They equip women to succeed at the very thing they are already determined to do: feed their children, improve their families' health and create positive change in their villages. They work in developing nations where chronic hunger is suffered by a large portion of a country's population. They focus on rural regions where poverty and hunger are at their worst. Their programs and services are at work in Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Madagascar, Mali, Senegal, Togo and Uganda); Asia (India, the Philippines); and Latin America and the Caribbean (Bolivia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico and Peru).

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## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION**

Issue: **Achieving One's Human Potential**  
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Description: Dan Millman is a former world champion athlete, university coach, martial arts instructor, and college professor. After an intensive, twenty-year spiritual quest, Dan's teaching found its form as the Peaceful Warrior's Way, expressed fully in his books and lectures. His work continues to evolve over time to meet the needs of a changing world. Dan's thirteen books, have inspired and informed millions of readers in 29 languages worldwide. Much of Dan's time is devoted to writing and speaking. His keynotes, seminars, and workshops span the generations to influence men and women from all walks of life, including leaders in the fields of health, psychology, education, business, politics, sports, entertainment, and the arts. His newest book, The Four Purposes of Life, addresses life's fundamental questions: Why am I here? What am I meant to do? What is my purpose?

Issue: **Help for Local Youth Groups**  
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Description: The Active 20/30 of Sacramento was founded in 1922. Although 20-30 has both men's and women's chapters the local chapter is geared towards young men in their 20s and 30s. The club's objective is to serve the community while building lasting friendships and rendering service to youth. Active 20-30 membership draws from all professions and is open to everyone. The organization differs from many service organizations in that not only do they raise money for local area children's charities, but they also host several "hands on" special events for disadvantaged and disabled youth where members have interaction with the children. This active participation solidifies their relationship with those they serve, maintains motivation, and produces a high degree of personal satisfaction. They serve the children of the Greater Sacramento Area through direct contributions in excess of \$85,000 annually. The distribution of these monies is voted on by the membership as a whole. One hundred percent of all funds raised is applied to charities and charitable endeavors. Some of the groups they assist include: Big Brothers, Big Sisters, United Way, Family Service Agency, Sacramento Children's Home, Oncology Ward in Sutter Memorial Hospital, Friday Night Live, and Child & Family Institute, among others.

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Issue: **Insurance Fraud**  
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Date: April 3, 2011

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Issue: **Help for Local Youth Groups**  
Program: Public File  
Date: April 24, 2011

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Glenn Busby, co-host and producer of Best of Our Knowledge, has made a special commitment to report on important developments in educational research. The fact is, at every college and university there is a great deal of research being conducted which could potentially have a dramatic impact on the ways in which we educate our students, from the lower grades right through graduate school. Unfortunately, all too often the results of that research are relegated to a shelf somewhere, or are only seen by the small number of people who actually read the scholarly journals. There is no question that the work is being done – the problem is, once it's done, the people in a position to benefit from it most haven't gotten a chance to hear about it.



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## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION**

Issue: **Astrobiology Research & Education Series: Oxygen, Geostable Molecules and the Cloud Paradigm, Part 1**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: April 3, 2011

Description: Without oxygen we wouldn't be able to bring you this program. And you would be around to hear it either.

Oxygen comprises some 21% of Earth's present-day atmosphere, and supports all complex life on our planet. But this has not always been the case.

Although scientists have no direct records of oxygen availability when Earth first formed about 4.6 billion years ago, the scientific community pretty much agrees there was little or none at all.

So where did oxygen come from? Just what happened? To the best of scientist's knowledge, it may have happened suddenly, around 2.4 billion years ago. This is generally known as The Great Oxidation Event. To try to unfold this mystery, we've brought into our studios one of the leading researchers in this field. Dr. Roger Summons is a Professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he studies biogeochemistry and geobiology. Some of his research focuses on indicators of climate change, evolution and mass extinction, as well as, environmental biomarkers in sediments and petroleum.

Issue: **New STEM Initiative for Education**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: April 3, 2011

Description: Continuing with our science-themed show, Massachusetts has agreed to partner with a national organization to help that state encourage more students to study STEM – science, technology, engineering and math.

Issue: **Astrobiology Parody**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: April 3, 2011

Description: As regular TBOOK listeners know, we've focused on science education and astrobiology in this program for the past 12 years. Over those years, Astrobiology has grown to become a much more recognizable news topic. So much so in fact, that it has now spawned an educational astrobiology parody of Ke\$ha's hit song, "We R Who We R." The lyrics and video are by Jank.

Issue: **The Academic Minute**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: April 3, 2011

Description: And not coincidentally, this week's Academic Minute professor reveals how much we've learned about galaxies in the last century, and the mysteries that still await discovery. Dr. Heidi Newbert is a Professor of Physics, Applied Physics, and Astronomy at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

**Issue:** **Astrobiology Research & Education Series: Oxygen, Geostable Molecules and the Cloud Paradigm, Part 2**

**Program:** Best of Our Knowledge

**Date:** April 10, 2011

**Description:** Recent headlines announced that an astrobiologist had found signs of life. The New York Times reported "NASA scientist sees signs of life in meteorites." FOX said, "NASA scientist claims evidence of alien life on meteorite."

Well, it didn't take long for reaction to come. David Morrison, senior scientist at the NASA Astrobiology Institute, emailed that "Many scientists have examined thousands of meteorites in detail over the past 50 years without finding any evidence of fossil life." He went on to write, "I would... invoke Carl Sagan's famous advice that extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence... which this (does) not." Morrison added it may have been more appropriate if the headlines had been published on April 1<sup>st</sup>, an obvious reference to April Fool's Day.

While the peer-reviewed jury of scientists remains out on that claim, other scientists continue to work each day in their labs to discover clues to the history of the origin of life and the history of our climate. These long-asked questions yearn for answers.

Dr. Roger Summons is a Professor of Geobiology in the Department of Earth, Atmosphere, and Planetary Sciences at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Last week, we discussed The Great Oxidation Event, and Dr. Summons' study of organic matter from microbes, environmental samples, and rocks.

This week, we talk about climate change (always a hot-button topic)... and the origins of life, another often debated issue, especially when it comes to science curriculum.

**Issue:** **Math School Success Leads to Science University**

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**Program:** Best of Our Knowledge

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## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Issue: **College Cuts Price by 10%, Part 1**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: April 17, 2011

Description: Well, as the old saying goes, especially around this time of year, nothing is quite as certain as death and taxes. Add the yearly rise in college tuition to that.

But earlier this year, the University of the South announced that its cutting total student costs (tuition, fees, and room and board) by 10%. That is a whopping \$4,600 savings, which represents one of the more dramatic shifts in higher education money policy announced by a competitive private college in recent years.

We obviously had lots of questions about how they could afford to do this, and what prompted them to make this abrupt about face.

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Issue: **Dyslexia & Learning**  
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Date: April 17, 2011

Description: This week's Academic Minute professor discusses why students dealing with dyslexia often turn to art as a means of expression.

Ken Gobbo is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department at Landmark College.

## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Issue: **College Cuts Price by 10%, Part 2**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: April 24, 2011

Description: The University of the South in Tennessee is getting out of what its president, Dr. John McCardell, calls the tuition "game."

Last week, we told you the university, which is also known as Sewanee, is cutting its \$46,000 a year price tag by a full 10%.

With college tuition growing at a pace twice the rate of inflation, this news landed in higher education circles like... well... like a tsunami.

President McCardell says "high tuition, high discount has been the order of the day for the last generation... and it's not working anymore." He says fewer and fewer families are willing to pay the sticker price.

McCardell describes higher education as something akin to a used car lot. At this university, only 30% of students pay that sticker price. By cutting tuition, the University of the South hopes to wean itself from using merit scholarships to attract students and ultimately get more of the paying their own way. But until that happens, the school will depend on donors and its endowment to make up for an expected 3-million dollar revenue loss next year.

This week, we wrap up our conversation with Dr. McCardell, covering a wide range of topics in higher education.

Issue: **National Education Association Recognizes Autism Awareness Month**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: April 24, 2011

Description: The Centers for Disease Control says one out of every 110 children born in the U.S. will be diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The National Education Association says autism is the fastest growing disability among children. So they've launched a new resource for educators and parents to help them work with some of the challenges presented by autism.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Designing Imaginative Playgrounds**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: April 24, 2011

Description: This week's Academic Minute professor explains the importance of imagination in children and how playground designers can foster imaginative play.

Mikyoung Kim is a Professor of Architecture and Design at the Rhode Island School of Design.

## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Issue: **If America Were A Village: A book about the people of the United States**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 1, 2011

Description: The rapid growth of technology has really expanded our ability to view the United States and the world. In some respects, it may have broadened our view even more quickly than our capacity to understand those changes.

That's where the books of David Smith can be appreciated. In his "If America Were a Village" he looks at the U.S. as a village of just 100 people. Smith then uses that metaphor to help explain statistics about American's ethnic origins, religions, family profiles, occupations, and so forth. This can make some material more accessible to younger students. The books are targeted at 8 to 12 year olds, students in grades 3 through 7. But, in fact, are being used much more widely by a larger audience.

Issue: **The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teacher**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 1, 2011

Description: Our last guest explained how his books can help make education more accessible for students. Our next guest brings her commentary, "The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teacher" to TBOOK. It presents another vision of how education can occur. Basic skill sets don't always need to rely on new technologies. Michelle Hughes is a veteran public and private school educator with more than 20 years experience. She currently heads the High Meadow School, an independent school, in Stone Ridge, New York – which educates students from Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Issue: **Entry Point! Opens Doors and Launches Women into STEM Education Programs and Careers**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 8, 2011

Description: Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day just wrapped up it's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For the past 10 years, women engineers have introduced more than one-million girls and young women to engineering. More than just a day, Introduce a Girl to Engineering is a national movement that shows girls how creative and collaborative engineering is, and how engineers are changing the world.

This also marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year for ENTRY POINT! It's a paid internship program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It provides a launching pad to graduate school and careers in STEM – science, technology, engineering, and math.

Issue: **Entire Village Communicates Using Sign Language**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 8, 2011

Description: It may surprise you to learn that American Sign Language is close to surpassing German as the third-most-studied foreign language at U.S. colleges and universities. And enrollment in sign language classes is up 16% from just three years ago.

An estimated 20-million Americans have measurable hearing loss. Kristen Harmon, English Professor at Gallaudet University in Washington DC, says sign language is the primary language for as many as 500,000 people in this country. Professor Harmon says it appeals to students who have deaf friends or family, or where occupations make it important to know.

Well, that seems to hold true in a small village in the mountains of Bali. All 2,400 people in the village use sign language to communicate, even though not all are deaf or hard of hearing.

## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Issue: **2011 – The International Year of Chemistry, Part 1**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 15, 2011

Description: You may not know this yet, but this year, 2011, is the International year of Chemistry. Why does chemistry deserve its own year? Because, though we may not realize it, chemistry is absolutely necessary for developments in energy, sustainability, health, and security.

This week, we'll look at some of those issues, as well as chemistry's image problem, and potential threats from chemicals.

Our guest is Dr. Nancy Jackson, President of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Jackson also has an interesting "day-job" as International Chemical Threat Reduction Department Manager at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Issue: **Employers and Educators Need to Work Together**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 15, 2011

Description: Speaking of science, our guest commentator today comes from the Harrisburg University of Science and Technology. Dr. Bilita Mattes is an Associate Provost, and believes science employers and educators need to work together.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Science & the Performing Arts**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 15, 2011

Description: When you think of art, it's doubtful you think of science. Just like when you think of science, art probably does not come to mind.

Well, this week's Academic Minute professor discusses the merger of science and the performing arts.

Dr. Kenneth Noll is a Professor Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of Connecticut.

Issue: **2011 – The International Year of Chemistry, Part 2**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 22, 2011

Description: The United Nations made it official by recognizing this year as the International Year of Chemistry. Year-long events are being coordinated by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, and UNESCO – the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Last week, we told listeners that the UN Resolution calling for the International Year of Chemistry was initiated by Ethiopia and co-sponsored by 32 nations. A case was made that chemistry makes a vital contribution towards achieving the goals of the UN decade of education for sustainable development.

Goals are: to increase the public appreciation of chemistry in meeting world needs; to encourage interest in chemistry among young people; and to generate enthusiasm for the creative future of chemistry.

## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Issue: **Education Department Forecasts an 82% Failure Rate**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 22, 2011

Description: Education Secretary Arne Duncan told Congress recently that the number of schools labeled as "failing" under the current No Child Left Behind law could skyrocket dramatically this year.

The Department of Education estimates the percentage of schools not meeting yearly targets in reading and math could jump from 37% to 82%.

So efforts are underway in many states, including Massachusetts, to try to fix the worst performing public schools. For example, the focus of Massachusetts ambitious education reform effort is 35 schools where students' scores put them in the bottom 4% statewide.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Campus Violence**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 22, 2011

Description: In other current education news, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, and Vice President Joe Biden, wants schools to take stronger measures to halt campus sexual abuse and assault. The pair unveiled new guidelines for universities and colleges last month to try to encourage them to combat the campus sexual assault problem. Mr. Biden said "students... deserve the safest possible environment in which to learn."

Under Education Department guidelines, schools informed about sexual harassment or violence, must take immediate action to stop the abuse and prevent it from happening again. Regardless of whether a victim files a complaint, the school must investigate the incident, even if a criminal investigation is underway.

This brings us to this week's Academic Minute professor, who explains what's being done currently to identify and curb all forms of campus violence.

Dr. Michele Paludi is a professor at Union Graduate College.

Issue: **Planet Hunters: Catching Shadows: Kepler's Year-Two Transit Census, Part 1**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 29, 2011

Description: These are extremely exciting times in science. Our first story is ripped right off a front page headlines of the latest science news. The scientific community is all "a-buzz" with the recent findings from NASA's Kepler Space Telescope. It's almost like someone from Hollywood scripted what Kepler is discovering.

Kepler is finding hundreds of stars, like Earth's Sun, and has now identified well over 1,000 new planet candidates. And that's just in the small part of the sky Kepler is focused on. This capability greatly increases the potential for finding another Earth.

To hear the latest details, we spoke in-studio with Dr. Natalie Batalha, Deputy Science Team Leader for NASA's Kepler mission at the NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California. Dr. Batalha is also a professor at San Jose State University.

This week, we talk about the mission currently underway, how Kepler functions, educational opportunities for students, how citizen scientists can become Planet Hunters, and Dr. Batalha reveals her original goal to become an astronaut.



## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Earth's Water & Global Ecosystem**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 29, 2011

Description: And now, this week's Academic Minute professor explains how scientists calculate the amount of water we have in Earth's own global ecosystem.

Dr. Peter Black is the Distinguished Teaching Professor of Water and Related Land Resources, Emeritus at the State University of New York, Syracuse.

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This week we report more details on the actual Earth-size, Earth-like planets that have already been found, and try to determine how many Earth's might realistically be out there in the universe.

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Issue: **The Academic Minute: Single-Celled Organisms**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: June 5, 2011

Description: We just reported on efforts to locate other Earth's in other habitable zones, meaning the possibility of life. Speaking of life, this week's Academic Minute professor explains the importance of single-celled organisms, called protists.

Dr. Andrea Habura is Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences from the University at Albany, State University of New York. Dr. Habura is also a Research Scientists at the Wadsworth Center.

Issue: **Autism Tomorrow Conference**  
Program: Radio Health Journal  
Date: June 5, 2011

Description: The U.S. recognized National Autism Awareness Month recently. Activities were scheduled all across America, including an Autism Tomorrow Conference in New York, where several authorities in treatment and research came together. The summit even attracted a U.S. Senator to advocate for renewing the Combating Autism Act.

TBOOK reports what health care professionals are saying about the future of care and education of people with Autism.

Issue: **Challenges for Stutterers: A Personal Story**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: June 12, 2011

Description: Some new findings were discussed at a research symposium on stuttering held recently in Washington D.C. during the annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. They suggest that educators are just beginning to understand the interconnected causes of stuttering.

Anne Smith, Director of Purdue University's Speech Neurophysiology Lab, says researchers no longer believe the root of stuttering lies with any one problem.

Smith is quoted in "Education Week" as saying "The casual factors are many: linguistic... cognitive... psychosocial... and genetic... there are a number of underlying factors and it's the way they interact that produces stuttering."

Meanwhile, Dr. Dennis Drayna, Director of The Stuttering Foundation and researcher for the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, has announced the discovery of three genes for stuttering. Stuttering Foundation President, Jane Fraser, calls the "research important because it's another indication that emotional factors such as anxiety or bad parenting do not cause stuttering." She hopes it could also point the way for a cure one day.

## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Philosophy & the Octopus**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
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Description: This week's Academic Minute professor looks at the brain of an octopus, through the eyes of a philosopher.

Dr. Peter Godfrey-Smith is a Professor of Philosophy at Harvard University.

Issue: **Behind the Hedges: Big Money & Power Politics at the University of Georgia**  
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Description: In these depressed economic times, state support for public universities is often unable to keep pace with schools' rising costs. This has forced them to rely increasingly on donations and private foundations for monetary support.

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Issue: **The Academic Minute: Audio Files & Education**  
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Description: This week's Academic Minute professor explains how audio files are being used to improve communication between professors and distance learners.

Dr. John Beckem is an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Finance and Management studies at the Center for Distance Learning, Empire State College, State University of New York.

## **CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Issue: **Honoring the 2011 National and State teacher of the Year**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: June 26, 2011

Description: Independence Day is here. It's an opportunity to celebrate teachers, students, employers, and veterans. President Barack Obama honored teachers recently with a ceremony at the White House, as he has done his two previous years in office.

The occasion was to announce the National and State Teachers of the Year recipients at a Rose Garden reception. It was a bright, sunny day.

The president remembered his favorite teacher in Hawaii, thanked all teachers for their hard work and dedication, and then introduced Teacher of the Year, Michelle Shearer, a chemistry teacher from Maryland who has also worked extensively with special needs students and students with disabilities.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Student Veterans**  
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Description: As we just heard in that last story, veterans can represent a growing demographic of college students, and that demographic is likely to grow even further, as more military members return from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Keith Wilson, Director of Education Service for the Department of Veterans Affairs, knows the number of veterans enrolling in college is increasing. Wilson says about 800,000 returned veterans used GI Bill benefits in 2010. That's a 40% increase from 2009.

As returning veterans struggle to make the transition from military to civilian life on campuses with younger students without their kind of life experience, colleges and universities are increasingly developing programs to address their needs.

This week's Academic Minute professor gives us an on-campus perspective of the unique challenges faced by today's veterans as they enter colleges and universities.

Dr. Jason Scorza is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Political Science at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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Program: Radio Health Journal  
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Description: A high percentage of servicemen and women returning from deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. Many more veterans of other conflicts still suffer from it. Experts discuss how the military and VA are exploring new ways to treat PTSD and possibly even prevent it in future deployed personnel. Guests: Jerry Yellin, author, "The Resilient Warrior"; Sue Lynch, founder, There and Back Again, Charlestown, MA; Dr. David Leffler, Executive Director, Center for Advanced Military Science; Kaye Coker, licensed clinical social worker, Atlanta, and Co-Director, Veteran's Heart-Georgia; Dr. Amishi Jha, Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Miami.

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Issue: **Autism Tomorrow Conference**  
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Description: The U.S. recognized National Autism Awareness Month recently. Activities were scheduled all across America, including an Autism Tomorrow Conference in New York, where several authorities in treatment and research came together. The summit even attracted a U.S. Senator to advocate for renewing the Combating Autism Act.

TBOOK reports what health care professionals are saying about the future of care and education of people with Autism.

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Issue: **Challenges for Stutterers: A Personal Story**  
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Description: Some new findings were discussed at a research symposium on stuttering held recently in Washington D.C. during the annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. They suggest that educators are just beginning to understand the interconnected causes of stuttering.

Anne Smith, Director of Purdue University's Speech Neurophysiology Lab, says researchers no longer believe the root of stuttering lies with any one problem.

Smith is quoted in "Education Week" as saying "The casual factors are many: linguistic... cognitive... psychosocial... and genetic... there are a number of underlying factors and it's the way they interact that produces stuttering."

Meanwhile, Dr. Dennis Drayna, Director of The Stuttering Foundation and researcher for the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, has announced the discovery of three genes for stuttering. Stuttering Foundation President, Jane Fraser, calls the "research important because it's another indication that emotional factors such as anxiety or bad parenting do not cause stuttering." She hopes it could also point the way for a cure one day.

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## **CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION**

Issue: **Astrobiology Research & Education Series: Oxygen, Geostable Molecules and the Cloud Paradigm, Part 1**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: April 3, 2011

Description: Without oxygen we wouldn't be able to bring you this program. And you would be around to hear it either.

Oxygen comprises some 21% of Earth's present-day atmosphere, and supports all complex life on our planet. But this has not always been the case.

Although scientists have no direct records of oxygen availability when Earth first formed about 4.6 billion years ago, the scientific community pretty much agrees there was little or none at all.

So where did oxygen come from? Just what happened? To the best of scientist's knowledge, it may have happened suddenly, around 2.4 billion years ago. This is generally known as The Great Oxidation Event. To try to unfold this mystery, we've brought into our studios one of the leading researchers in this field. Dr. Roger Summons is a Professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he studies biogeochemistry and geobiology. Some of his research focuses on indicators of climate change, evolution and mass extinction, as well as, environmental biomarkers in sediments and petroleum.

Issue: **Astrobiology Research & Education Series: Oxygen, Geostable Molecules and the Cloud Paradigm, Part 2**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: April 10, 2011

Description: Recent headlines announced that an astrobiologist had found signs of life. The New York Times reported "NASA scientist sees signs of life in meteorites." FOX said, "NASA scientist claims evidence of alien life on meteorite."

Well, it didn't take long for reaction to come. David Morrison, senior scientist at the NASA Astrobiology Institute, emailed that "Many scientists have examined thousands of meteorites in detail over the past 50 years without finding any evidence of fossil life." He went on to write, "I would... invoke Carl Sagan's famous advice that extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence... which this (does) not." Morrison added it may have been more appropriate if the headlines had been published on April 1<sup>st</sup>, an obvious reference to April Fool's Day.

While the peer-reviewed jury of scientists remains out on that claim, other scientists continue to work each day in their labs to discover clues to the history of the origin of life and the history of our climate. These long-asked questions yearn for answers.

Dr. Roger Summons is a Professor of Geobiology in the Department of Earth, Atmosphere, and Planetary Sciences at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Last week, we discussed The Great Oxidation Event, and Dr. Summons' study of organic matter from microbes, environmental samples, and rocks.

This week, we talk about climate change (always a hot-button topic)... and the origins of life, another often debated issue, especially when it comes to science curriculum.

**CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION (Cont'd)**

Issue: **2011 – The International Year of Chemistry**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 15, 2011

Description: You may not know this yet, but this year, 2011, is the International year of Chemistry. Why does chemistry deserve its own year? Because, though we may not realize it, chemistry is absolutely necessary for developments in energy, sustainability, health, and security.

This week, we'll look at some of those issues, as well as chemistry's image problem, and potential threats from chemicals.

Our guest is Dr. Nancy Jackson, President of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Jackson also has an interesting "day-job" as International Chemical Threat Reduction Department Manager at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Issue: **2011 – The International Year of Chemistry, Part 2**  
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Date: May 22, 2011

Description: The United Nations made it official by recognizing this year as the International Year of Chemistry. Year-long events are being coordinated by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, and UNESCO – the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Last week, we told listeners that the UN Resolution calling for the International Year of Chemistry was initiated by Ethiopia and co-sponsored by 32 nations. A case was made that chemistry makes a vital contribution towards achieving the goals of the UN decade of education for sustainable development.

Goals are: to increase the public appreciation of chemistry in meeting world needs; to encourage interest in chemistry among young people; and to generate enthusiasm for the creative future of chemistry.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Earth's Water & Global Ecosystem**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: May 29, 2011

Description: And now, this week's Academic Minute professor explains how scientists calculate the amount of water we have in Earth's own global ecosystem.

Dr. Peter Black is the Distinguished Teaching Professor of Water and Related Land Resources, Emeritus at the State University of New York, Syracuse.

**CATEGORY: MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING**

Issue: **Math School Success Leads to Science University**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: April 10, 2011

Description: Continuing with our science focus, every year, students in India compete for places at that nation's premiere science universities. The colleges are known collectively as the Indian Institutes of Technology.

Across the country, hundreds of thousands of students take the entrance exam. But only the top two-percent are accepted.

One math teacher has had tremendous success getting his students in, despite the fact many of them come from extreme poverty.

World Vision's, Peter Aronson, reports details from Northern India.

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## **CATEGORY: CRIME**

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Campus Violence**  
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Description: In other current education news, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, and Vice President Joe Biden, wants schools to take stronger measures to halt campus sexual abuse and assault. The pair unveiled new guidelines for universities and colleges last month to try to encourage them to combat the campus sexual assault problem. Mr. Biden said "students... deserve the safest possible environment in which to learn."

Under Education Department guidelines, schools informed about sexual harassment or violence, must take immediate action to stop the abuse and prevent it from happening again. Regardless of whether a victim files a complaint, the school must investigate the incident, even if a criminal investigation is underway.

This brings us to this week's Academic Minute professor, who explains what's being done currently to identify and curb all forms of campus violence.

Dr. Michèle Paludi is a professor at Union Graduate College.

Issue: **Behind the Hedges: Big Money & Power Politics at the University of Georgia**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
Date: June 19, 2011

Description: In these depressed economic times, state support for public universities is often unable to keep pace with schools' rising costs. This has forced them to rely increasingly on donations and private foundations for monetary support.

At the University of Georgia, a gaping hole opened between that university's Board of Regents, and the fundraising University of Georgia Foundation. The breach happened when details surfaced surrounding controversial actions of UGA President, Dr. Michael Adam's private spending habits.

Although Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Rich Whitt, focused his investigative lens on the University of Georgia, what emerges is a the larger story of "a sea change in how America supports its institutions of higher education." Whitt uncovers disputes that involve corporate intrigue, secret deals, and adultery – stretching from the football field, all the way to the state capitol.

This soap opera-like tale unfolds in the pages of his book called, "Behind the Hedges: Big Money and Power Politics at the University of Georgia."

Rich Whitt completed his book just shortly before passing away. So to talk about it, we spoke with his long time friend and colleague at the Atlanta Constitution, Lynne Anderson. Anderson has reported on higher education for more than 25 years, and consulted with Whitt during his extensive research and writing of the book. The book, in fact, concludes with a 100 page Appendix of supporting documents and research material.

## **CATEGORY: YOUTH & FAMILY**

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Designing Imaginative Playgrounds**  
Program: Best of Our Knowledge  
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Description: This week's Academic Minute professor explains the importance of imagination in children and how playground designers can foster imaginative play.

Mikyoung Kim is a Professor of Architecture and Design at the Rhode Island School of Design.

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Description: Now, we turn our attention to language problems of a different kind.

When Poland gained membership into the European Union in 2004, a large chunk of its population was left to work in Britain and Ireland.

Now, as the economies in those countries slow, many Poles are returning home. But they face some problems, not the least of which is that many of their children are unable to speak Polish.

TBOOK finds out in this report from Warsaw that it's become such a concern, even the Polish government is getting involved.

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As far as I know, we've never featured a male commentator on this show. It is after all, called 51% - the women's perspective. But when Giles Malkine proposed featuring profiles of women in history, I was intrigued. And then he explained why... and I was sold.

Giles Malkine is a writer, musician and son of the legendary folk singer and resistance fighter, Sonia Malkine. We'll have his first profile, featuring not one but three women from history, next week.

With all of the upheaval in the world, it's hard to know where to focus. The headlines from Egypt get bumped aside by news from Japan – and that news competes with developments in Libya. So what is happening in a place that's been synonymous with tragedy – Darfur? KALW's Hana Baba has a report on a California project that's keeping its attention on the women of Darfur.

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Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math – STEM, as it's known, is vital to our future. But author Selena Rezvani says despite the fact that women now hold the majority of college degrees and have better GPAs, STEM is still a field dominated by men.

Finally, Giles Malkine continues his series on women in history with a profile of the last queen of Hawaii. It may give you a whole new perspective on your favorite fruit juice.

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Description: UN Women is dedicated to global gender equality and the empowerment of women. But that's a complicated issue, one not achieved by simply voting for an idealistic set of guidelines. Empowerment means having clout – and that means having economic clout. So encouraging women to get into business, to take their own financial futures in their hands is key.

Joan Libby Hawk is Special Advisor to UN Women and UN Global Compact on their Women's Empowerment Principles partnership initiative. She says business is beginning to understand the value that women bring to the office – and new models of financing are creating opportunity for women all over the world. But that model is being questioned after Bangladesh forced Nobel laureate Mohammed Yusuf to step down as leader of the Grameen Bank, one of the pioneers in microfinance. The government has ordered the Board of Directors out, too, calling for restructuring and more vigilant oversight.

Women in the media – do you think there's finally equality there? You can point to Tina Fey, Diane Sawyer, Rachel Maddow, and say yes. But if you look in the corner offices, you won't find many women. And Selena Rezvani says if you look more closely at what's on the air, you'll find things really haven't changed much.

And finally, personal finance expert Manisha Thakor has some tough love for women when it comes to retirement planning. The statistics, she says, tell a chilling story.

Program: 51%  
Date: May 15, 2011

Description: Since the country's foreclosure crisis began in 2007, at least two million people have lost their homes. In the Bay Area of California, more than 70,000 homes are currently in some stage of foreclosure. And even though the economy might be getting better, they're still happening.

All over the country, these foreclosures are disproportionately affecting low-income and minority communities. These are the communities less likely to have a financial safety net, which are more likely to have been targeted by predatory lenders. Half of all foreclosures in California are among Latino borrowers, two-thirds among communities of color.

But the loss isn't just economic... the stress it creates is equally devastating. The average foreclosure takes about 400 days. That's more than a year of worry, of struggle, of trying to hang on. Research has begun to show the potentially devastating effects of foreclosure on the health of homeowners and their families.

KALW's Casey Miner went to San Jose to see how one family is recovering from foreclosure stress.

Wairimu Gitahi is an African woman and journalist. She believed she understood her continent until she moved to South Africa last year. There, she found all of her previous assumptions about race and about identity were challenged. And any journalist will tell you that's a story – even if it's a very personal one.

And finally, Giles Malkine has a profile this week of the woman who was Hollywood's first sex goddess. No, it wasn't Marilyn Monroe. Her name was Clara Bow – and in the days of silent film, she was the "it" girl.

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As winter finally gives way to spring, the Northeast part of the United States heads into one of its sweetest seasons – maple sugaring time. For many, it's a family affair. The Read family in Hartland, Vermont, collects sap from maple trees to make maple syrup. Rick and his daughter Sydney explain the process and science of making syrup from sap.

A recent court decision is considered a win for families in the US. A US Circuit Court of Appeals in Oregon ruled that the burden of proof is on an employer who terminates an employee returning from time off under the Family Medical Leave Act. And West Palm Beach Florida has now extended access to the benefits of the FMLA to domestic partners. Yet what they're fighting for is the right for twelve unpaid weeks off for family caretaking... and Audra Jarmov says that's just not good enough.

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## **CATEGORY: GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)**

Program: 51%  
Date: May 1, 2011

Description: The idea of setting aside a special day to honor our mothers is certainly not new. But did you know the special history of the day in the US was related to feminism... and the peace movement? Carla Goldstein, Director of the Omega Women's Institute in New York explains.

Carla mentioned UN Women – Joan Libby Hawk is Special Advisor to UN Women and UN Global Compact on their Women's Empowerment Principles partnership initiative, and served as public affairs director for UNIFEM. She talks about how things have changed, and why the US still hasn't signed one of the most accepted treaties on the treatment of women.

No one can ever replace your mother – but Alzheimer's Disease and other brain disorders can turn a mother or father into a familiar stranger. Producer Ronan Kelly has an intimate portrait of a young women from Dublin – Jane O'Connor – and her final years with her mother.

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For a group of retired women in Maine, a garden grows more than just plants. This report comes to us from Katie Enders and the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies.

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If you live in a suburb or the country, you take fresh produce for granted. There's a grocery store nearby and it offers fruits and vegetables that look appetizing and appealing. That's not the way it is in most US cities. In fact, in the poorest areas, there's often no grocery store at all. They're called food deserts... and they exist all over the country. Kate Szrom reports.

If you want to find out more, just search for food desert... you'll find government links, magazine stories and even links to a Department of Agriculture study that found that 2.3 million households do not have access to a car and live more than a mile from a supermarket... a recipe for the creation of a food desert in rural areas as well.

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Description: Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat Pray Love* was a sensation – a book that was a happy combination of travel, guilt free dining, enlightenment and romance. But the part of the story set in India is one that, according to a writer who spent years in that ashram, creates a mystique around Siddha Yoga that just isn't deserved. Marta Szabo, author of *"The Guru Looked Good"*, was a Siddha Yoga insider; she became an assistant to Gurumayi, the master described as being in "uninterrupted identification with her Supreme Self. In her book, Szabo describes a very human guru who can be petty and generous, cruel and thoughtful. And since she wrote the book, Szabo's been the target of some bitter mail from Siddha Yoga followers who feel she's betrayed them.

Marta Szabo is the author of *"The Guru Looked Good."* She is co-director of the Authentic Writing Workshop in Woodstock, NY.

A recent survey showed that women are now getting PhD's in higher numbers than men. Those advanced degrees can be very important – and so are the colleges where you pursue your education. As prices continue to climb, students and parents are demanding that they get much more than a degree from today's colleges and universities. Author Selena Rezvani takes a look at the role of all-women colleges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Finally, we're going to take an inside look at Weberdance – a contemporary dance company. It's narrated by founder and artistic director Dr. Jody Weber. She offers us a glimpse into the world behind an art form that, for many of us, is just plain baffling.

